

It would be easy to have such a Fourth of July everywhere every year, if only the grown people would exert themselves to have it so.

It is needless to say that such should be the rule. It is a day that should be devoted to patriotism, even as it was when men who are old now were children, when every child was made to feel that of all the year it was the day of days; for it gave to American children more to live for, more to hope for, more to be thankful for than any children in any other land had to cherish, because it was the anniversary of that day when the sonorous cry first rang out: "Universe about face! Nations, forward march!"

A Comstock Bonanza

It is said that another real bonanza is being opened on the old Comstock lode, and that it is in the Mexican under where the first rich croppings set the coast aflame and later became that it is where some of the great geologists of both sides of the Atlantic. And this is so deep that it is where some of the great geologists of the world have predicted that no ore can ever be found because of the heat in the depths.

But then geologists have been making mistakes about the Comstock from the first. Professor Silliman made the first great mistake and there have been plenty since. A great gold bonanza there would be a new regeneration for the coast. It would put San Francisco in a great fix for the expected exposition. In the old days the Comstock was more than all other causes combined San Francisco's creator. A new bonanza would give it a second birth. We hope the boys have got it.

There never was but one Comstock; we hope it will repeat the miracles that were performed there between 1870 and 1880.

What Fort Douglas Should Be

HERE is one thing which we think the people of this state have a right to criticize our congressional delegation for. We think if there had been a concerted effort made by our senators and representative, there might by this time have been a transformation made at Fort Douglas and full quarters made for a three-regiment post.

More reasons can be given why it should be so than for any other place on the map. It is located at a point from which railroads debouch in every direction over this great basin, 500,000 square miles in area; the order commanding the removal of the troops here to southwestern Texas made clear that it was so situated that the soldiers stationed there could be within three days at any spot named in more than two-thirds of the republic; it has a better climate than any other post, north, south, east or west, save possibly at San Francisco; it is the best post in the army for soldiers debilitated in the Philippines to regain their strength in; it should be an army post and an army school at the same time, and we cannot help but think that had our delegation been alert and had it done for Utah what Senator Warren did for Wyoming, it might easily have succeeded.

Hereafter it will be more difficult, but it still should be tried; and the more vigilance will be needed, for there is a disposition now to begin to eliminate inferior posts and to concentrate the troops on garrison duty to fewer places. When that is considered, it should not be forgotten that Fort Douglas commands now one-ninth of the whole area of the republic, and is the only station within a hundred miles in either direction. It is on the direct line of four railroads to the west coast and two to the east, and will have a third one next year.

So far appropriations for Utah have been far less in proportion to her inhabitants of any western state save possibly Idaho. An army post for

this basin could not be stationed so conveniently in any other spot, and it should be a big post, at least a three-regiment post, that all the divisions of the service might work in harmony. Finally we have a selfish motive in urging it. It would not only be great for the army, but a very splendor to Salt Lake City.

In The Border Land

BILLY Upham was educated as an electrical engineer. He was prospering all right and was held by his employers as a most superior man, when one day he ran upon a live wire which rendered him unconscious for several hours and when he finally came to, he was no longer quite himself. He was as proficient in his work as ever, indeed, in much that he did he seemed to ignore the accepted rules and to do things by a sort of intuition with astonishing results, moreover, his disposition was entirely changed. Naturally he was of joyous temperament; often his songs, singing as he toiled, rang out o'er the noise of the machinery with which he was surrounded, until his associates gave him the title of "the Lark," and often after a hard day's work he would banter his companions for a wrestling match, or would go off to a party and dance half the night away.

But after the accident, his songs were never heard more and he grew reserved and guarded in his speech, though he was always gentle and obliging. At first we all thought that when fully recovered physically he would be his old self, but as the weeks went by we were all forced to conclude that he was well physically and that whatever the change was, it must be mental. His nerves had been shocked which in some way had changed the order of his mind. But the more we watched him the more the conclusion was forced upon us that he had gained in mental strength rather than lost. But we were not prepared to read the following letter from him that was received yesterday.

"I notice that you speculate sometimes over the possibilities of wireless telegraphy. I suspect that the currents sometimes emit lights of which you get flashes. You are right when you conclude that electricity is the life of the universe, the subtle power through which omnipotence creates and guides and supports his worlds. And being all-wise, all merciful and all compassionate, he is not offended but rather pleased when he sees mortals striving with reverend hearts to imitate his work. Hence I have been pursuing some investigation with a hope of practical results which will bring more mercies and more comforts to mankind and take from the poor many anxieties which now disturb them. You have noticed the interest which men in the last half-dozen years have taken in aerial navigation. This so far is merely preparation. So soon as the currents in the ether can be put under control, which will be soon now, a part of the power of the current will be utilized to neutralize the attraction of gravitation, then on the same current, the aeroplane will be borne and will be under the perfect control of the aeronaut.

"It will at the same time rise above or drive beneath all warring air currents, so the journeys will be made in perfect calm. On the earth's surface all demand for fuel will cease. Properly controlled electric currents will do the work and men will cook their food, warm their houses and drive their factories, ships and trains with them. The ice merchant will go out of business with the coal man for the same current will supply men with compressed air many degrees colder than ice. A simple attachment will separate all gold and silver from the matrix in which it sleeps and put them absolutely pure in men's hands. You will see that the coarse work of the world is about to be taken from men's hands. Then a great change will come to the

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